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### **TWO NAPLES RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR PERJURY IN CONNECTION WITH A CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT AGAINST COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Tampa-- VICTOR VALDES, age 63, of Naples, Florida, appeared before the Honorable Anne Thompson on Friday and was sentenced on two-counts of an indictment to twenty-four months' imprisonment. ODALYS DUSQUESANE, of Naples, Florida, is the former daughter-in-law of Victor Valdes and she was sentenced on one count of the indictment to twelve months' imprisonment. The pair was found guilty of perjury by a jury on February 22, 2002.

The indictment charged that on August 29, 1997, in Naples, Florida, Valdes knowingly made a false material declaration under oath while being questioned in a deposition in the case of Valdes v. Collier County, et al., in which Valdes alleged civil rights violations against him by the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The indictment further charged that on June 8, 1998, in Tampa, Florida, Valdes knowingly made a false material declaration while under oath in the federal civil trial of that case. The indictment charged

that Duquesane, on June 4, 1998 in Tampa, Florida, knowingly made a false material declaration while under oath in her testimony in that same civil trial. Both defendants claimed Duquesane was the driver of the vehicle and Valdes was only a passenger when in fact Valdes was the driver and Dusquesane was the passenger

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John F. Rudy, III.